

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her generous assistance during a telephone interview on November 22, 2005. During said interview, Applicant presented an amendment to claim 1. The Examiner agreed that the amended claim distinguished the claim from the art of record. Accordingly, this amendment is now presented for entry into the official file. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application.

2. The above amendment is made without prejudice for the sole purpose of describing the invention more clearly in relation to the cited references, thereby facilitating prosecution of the Application. This amendment is not an indication that Applicant agrees with the Examiner's position. In fact, Applicant hereby incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein all of Applicant's previous remarks and arguments made throughout prosecution of the application regarding the content of the references and the Examiner's application of them to the claims. Applicant does not intend to sacrifice the originally claimed subject matter and expressly reserves the right to pursue patent protection for the original subject matter of the claims in one or more continuing applications.

3. Support for amended claim 1 is found in Figure 6 of the Application and the accompanying written description at page 10, line 19 to page 12, line 20 of the PCT specification, WO 01/52930. The dependent claims have been variously amended to harmonize them with amended claim 1. Applicant certifies that no new matter is added by way of the amendment.

4. Applicant notes that the original claims were subject to an election requirement. Because the generic claim is allowable, all of the dependents are deemed to be allowable. Therefore, the election requirement should be cancelled and the withdrawn claims allowed. The withdrawn claims contain various informalities. The Examiner is respectfully invited to correct the

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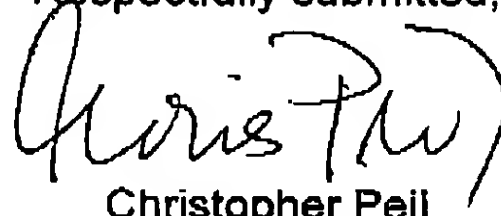
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informalities by Examiner's amendment. Failing that, Applicant will correct in an *Ex parte Quayle* amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, the Application is deemed to be in allowable condition. Applicant therefore requests withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and prompt allowance of the claims, allowing the Application to pass to issue as a United States Patent. Should the Examiner find it helpful, she is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at 650-474-8400.

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